

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigating a Robbery on Main Street

NPD is investigating a robbery that occurred on East Main Street on October 28th at approximately 6:45pm. Two female University of Delaware students were walking eastbound on East Main Street approaching Academy Street when they were approached by a white female suspect. The suspect then grabbed a purse from the victims and ran. The two victims ran after the suspect and, after the suspect realized no money was in the purse, she told the victims she had a gun and demanded money. The other victim, whose purse wasn't stolen, then gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money. Multiple witnesses ran after the suspect; however, she was eventually able to elude capture.

The suspect is described as a white female, approximately 5'07", 25-35 years old, light brown hair in a pony tail and was wearing jeans and a black jacket.

No surveillance footage is available at this time.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Daniel Bystricky at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or Daniel.bystricky@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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